

August 11 PCFYI: Back-to-school shots, pet calendar contest and advice from Green Geek

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Health Department reminds parents to get kids vaccinated for school year

As summer winds down and kids return to school, routine vaccinations are a top public health priority. The Pima County Health Department wants to make sure parents know what vaccinations are required in the State of Arizona so they can add immunizations to their back-to-school list.

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Want your pet on a 2024 calendar? Enter Friends of PACC contest

[Friends of Pima Animal Care Center](#), in partnership with Capturing EveryBuddy Pet Photography, Tucson Electric Power and Trail Dust Town, has launched its 2024 Friends of PACC Calendar Contest. This annual contest not only celebrates the bond between Pima County residents and their pets, but also raises vital funds for Friends of PACC, a nonprofit organization that supports the [Pima Animal Care Center](#) in its mission to save pets in need.



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Green Geek puzzles over power outages, perishables and polystyrene

When the power goes out, what can you do to minimize food spoilage? Is there any way to donate perishable foods before they go bad? Can you recycle a plastic container if it has the wrong number on it?

The Green Geek is here to answer your questions about all things green! You'll find this column in Pima County FYI on the second Friday of each month. If you have a question about anything green-related, send it to fvnewsletter@pima.gov.



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County's detention facilities are 1st in state to gain access to federal STI resources

What's the difference between Pima County's detention facilities and a clinic for sexually transmitted infections? Not much, according to the federal government. Now, the Pima County Adult Detention Complex and Pima County Juvenile Detention Center are the first detention facilities in Arizona to be recognized as Covered Entities for participation in the [United States Health Resources and Administration's 340B Drug Pricing Program](#).



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Health Department congratulates partners for supporting mental health education

The Pima County Health Department is recognizing community partners for creating a culture of support and compassion by prioritizing mental health for their employees and the community through the Mental Health First Aid initiative. Since 2021, the Health Department has trained 255 individuals with 10 different agencies as mental health first aiders.

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Get to farmers markets via The Loop

Can't decide between doing a little bit of shopping or getting some exercise? Well, never fear; The Loop is here. The County's famous multiuse path can take you to two of the community's most popular farmer's markets — the [Heirloom Farmers Market at Rillito Park](#) and the [market at St. Philip's Plaza](#). Work up a sweat by walking or biking along the path and then browse the markets' artisanal offerings. Just don't plan on buying too much. You didn't arrive by car, after all.



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Youths get chance to make a splash through Summer Swim Team Program



For a lot of kids, Pima County's annual Summer Swim Team Program may be the first — or even the only — competitive event they ever participate in. Perhaps that's why they throw themselves into the program so wholeheartedly, splashing their way through weekly practices, five swim meets and a daylong championship at the height of the Tucson summer.

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Everything you need to know about borrowing seeds from your local library

It may be sizzling outside now, but the weather will become beautiful again before you know it. And when that time comes, you might consider starting a garden or reviving a neglected garden. The Pima County Public Library can help. The library is a community resource of open-pollinated and heirloom seeds that you can borrow from to plant and grow at home. Click on the button below to see what's available and how you can start exercising your green thumb.



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